



## Healthcare Coalition Annual Executive Meeting

Meeting Minutes – November 29, 2007

Talaris Conference Facility, Seattle

### Executive Members Present:

Jeff Sconyers, Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center; Dr. David Grossman, Group Health Cooperative; Jean Robertson, Mental Health Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division of King County; Dr. David Fleming, Public Health – Seattle & King County; Dianna Reely, Overlake Hospital Medical Center; Anita Geving, The Polyclinic; Johnese Spisso, Harborview Medical Center; Dorothy Teeter, Public Health-Seattle & King County; Pamela Piering, Aging & Disability Services; Patty Riley, University of Washington Medical Center; Madeline Buelt, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance; Dr. Gerald Yorioka, Snoqualmie Tribal Clinic; Jack Thompson, Northwest Center for Public Health Preparedness; Dennis Popp, Enumclaw Hospital; Scott Ansele, Auburn Regional Medical Center; Hugh Kodama, Multicare; Colleen Sweeney, Rural Metro Ambulance; Michael Kinman, Snoqualmie Valley Hospital, Karen Fagerstrom, International Community Health Services; Luann D'Ambrosio, Northwest Center for Public Health Preparedness; Ward Hulburt, Molina Healthcare; Dr. Tony Woodward, Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center; Christie Logan, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance; Dr. Mickey Eisenberg, Public Health – Seattle & King County; Stephen Zieniewicz, University of Washington Medical Center; Dr. Bill Robertson, Washington Poison Control; Kathy Lindsey, Virginia Mason Medical Center

### Also Present:

Michael Loehr, Public Health – Seattle & King County; Dr. Lewis Robinson; Centers for Disease Control; Palmer Pollack, Northwest Kidney Center; Eileen Newton, St. Francis Medical Center; Tamlyn Thomas, University of Washington Medical Center Peter Rigby, Northwest Hospital & Medical Center; Fred Savaglio, Virginia Mason Medical Center; Marianne Klaas, Swedish Medical Center; Jeff Lim, Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center; Valerie Dinsdale, Overlake Hospital Medical Center; Dr. Mary King, Seattle Children's Hospital & Regional Medical Center; Chris Martin, Harborview Medical Center

### Coalition Staff Present:

Richard Marks, Consultant, Cynthia Dold, Public Health - Seattle & King County; Allison Schletzbaum, Regional Medical Resource Center; Lydia Ortega, Public Health - Seattle & King County; Onora Lien, Seattle & King County Public Health; Que Mathis, Public Health – Seattle & King County; Dr. Jeff Duchin, Public Health – Seattle & King County; Carlos Dominguez, Public Health – Seattle & King County; Michelle McDaniel, Public Health – Seattle & King County; Aimee Welch, Public Health – Seattle & King County; Bryan Heartsfield, Public Health – Seattle & King County; Danica Mann, Region 6 Training & Exercises; Joe Cropley, Washington Poison Control; Dr. Kathryn Koelemay, Public Health – Seattle & King County

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### Welcome & Introductions

Johnese Spisso, Chair of the Executive Council and Interim Executive Director for Harborview Medical Center, opened the meeting and called the attendees to order at 2:30pm. Johnese directed everyone's attention to the Healthcare Coalition's first annual report.

### Rolling up our Sleeves: Putting Collaboration into Action – Dr. David Fleming

Dr. David Fleming, Director and Health Officer for Public Health – Seattle & King County, welcomed the attendees to the meeting. In his presentation, Dr. Fleming stressed the value of collaboration and cooperation across the entire continuum of the healthcare system in order to better manage existing resources and provide appropriate care for people in a crisis with a special focus on vulnerable populations. He further stressed the importance of the Healthcare Coalition's work on integrating partnerships and systems that will be crucial to

gathering information, providing guidance, and communicating information and need across the healthcare community. He emphasized the importance of making the Coalition a “dual-use” entity to improve the efficiency of daily operations while we continue to prepare for disasters. Dr. Fleming closed his presentation by emphasizing that the systems, plans and the relationships that our healthcare system establishes and strengthens will make the difference between success and failure in the next disaster. The Healthcare Coalition is a shared commitment and it will need the continued support and work of our entire healthcare system.

Johnese Spisso echoed the importance of addressing the emergency department saturation challenges facing our region that Dr. Fleming raised in his speech.

#### **Disasters Happen – Michael Loehr**

Michael Loehr, Preparedness Director, Public Health- Seattle & King County, introduced a brief overview of the proposed Area Command Structure for the health and medical response during disasters. He emphasized the role of the multiagency coordinating group at the top of that structure that will assist the local health officer in making policy decisions for the healthcare system during emergencies. He described several disaster scenarios and stressed an all hazards approach to emergency preparedness planning for the region.

#### **Looking Back, Moving Forward – Dr. David Grossman**

Dr. David Grossman, Vice Chair of the Executive Council and Medical Director for Preventive Care for Group Health, presented an overview of the major initiatives that drove the Coalition in 2007. Dr. Grossman demonstrated the regional preparedness roles that the Coalition provides as well as how the Coalition assists individual organizations in getting prepared. Dr. Grossman highlighted the continued need for individual organizations to participate in disaster training & exercises, develop continuity of operations plans, and participate in surge & capability planning.

In 2008, the Healthcare Coalition will strive to better expand the membership to include a broader range of healthcare organizations working with at risk populations while working to integrate a system wide incident management and resource tracking software system – KC HealthTrac. The Coalition will also partner with the Northwest Center for Public Health Practice to evaluate the effectiveness and efficiency of its overall functioning and to take a closer look at the outcomes and impacts that the Coalition has had at a regional level. Dr. Grossman concluded his presentation by asking Healthcare Executives to be champions of preparedness within their organizations and to continue to provide support for Coalition projects, meetings and exercises.

#### **KCHealthTrac- Incident Management Software – Allison Schletzbaum**

Allison Schletzbaum, Regional Medical Resource Center (RMRC) Project Manager, gave a presentation summarizing the role of the RMRC and the web-based incident management software system that the Coalition recently purchased. The software provides bed or client tracking, resource and pharmaceutical tracking, alerting, and report writing. Ms. Schletzbaum anticipates a full rollout to the entire healthcare system by spring of 2009.

#### **2007 Presentation of King County Healthcare Coalition Awards**

This year the King County Healthcare Coalition Executive Council was pleased to honor the contributions of individuals and teams among the Coalition’s healthcare partners in King County that have been particularly innovative, collaborative, or provided the leadership needed to evolve preparedness and response planning. Jeff Sconyers, Dorothy Teeter, and Johnese Spisso presented the 2007 Healthcare Coalition Awards to the following:

##### **Excellence in Innovation**

Dr. Mary King -Children’s Hospital & Regional Medical Center

##### **Excellence in Leadership**

Palmer Pollack- Northwest Kidney Center

**Excellence in Collaboration**

*Hospital Strategy Group*

Peter Rigby (Chair), Northwest Hospital

Chris Martin, Harborview Medical Center

Eileen Newton, St. Francis Hospital

Fred Savaglio, Virginia Mason Medical Center

Jeff Lim, Children's Hospital & Medical Center

Marianne Klaas, Swedish Medical Center

Tamlyn Thomas, UW Medical Center

Valerie Dinsdale, Overlake Hospital Medical Center

**Adjournment**

Johnese Spisso adjourned the meeting at 4:20 pm.